

REMARKS

Applicants certainly appreciate the allowance of claims 21 and 22. Applicants have canceled claims 1-17 as being withdrawn to a restricted invention. Applicants have amended claims 18 and 19 and added new claims to better define the invention. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of claims 18-20 over the cited art and respectfully request reconsideration.

Claim 18 as amended requires placing a workpiece within a tray of a testing compartment, folding an explosion resistant blanket around the workpiece, and securing a lid to the tray. Greenfield deals with a container for explosive devices having an inner vessel 20 and an outer vessel 30 that rotate about shaft 42 from the open position shown in Figure 1 to a closed position. Explosion resistant lining material 22 is secured to the inner wall of inner vessel 20. There is no suggestion of folding an explosion resistant blanket over the workpiece even if lining material 22 could be considered to be a blanket. Lining material 22 is attached to the vessel thus could not be folded over the workpiece before the lid of the vessel is closed on a tray of the vessel.

Covert discloses a test chamber 11 for testing a container 10. There is no mention of any blanket. Kiley discloses a cargo container that is explosion resistant. A flexible ballistic curtain is attached to a panel of the container, but there is no mention of folding any portion of the curtain over a workpiece prior to closing a lid of the container.

Claim 19 further comprises fastening a portion of the blanket to the tray of the compartment, then placing the workpiece on said portion of the blanket, then folding another portion of the blanket over the workpiece. The references do not disclose a blanket that is attached to the compartment and has a portion that folds over the workpiece before the lid is closed. Claim 20 requires folding portions of the blanket over the sides of the workpiece and

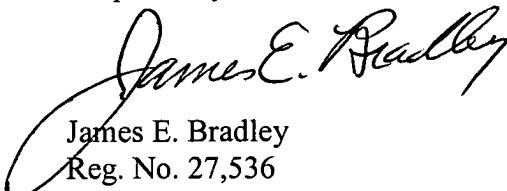
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other portions of the blanket over the ends of the workpiece. This is not suggested in the references. Claims 23, 24 and 25 further describe the foldable portions of the blanket.

New claim 27 comprises mounting a test compartment to a lift assembly carried by test vehicle, moving the compartment with the lift assembly from a storage position alongside the vehicle to an operational position extended from the vehicle toward the ground. The references do not disclose a test compartment mounted to a vehicle by a lift assembly as claimed in claim 27.

It is respectfully submitted that the claims are now in condition for allowance and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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